

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 34 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 15, 31 and 34 have been amended. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 stands objected to because of the following informality: the phrase “with to respect the item” on line 6 is grammatically awkward. Claim 1 has been amended to cure this informality.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 – 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amro, *et al.*, U. S. Patent No. 5,680,561 (“Amro”) in view of Livingston, U.S. Patent No. 6,621,590 (“Livingston”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because neither Amro nor Livingston, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests a preview that includes actual content “selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said item will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices,” as required by amended independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34.

Amro discloses a graphical user interface (GUI) for allowing a user to locate specific pages within a compound document. When in “the search mode,” the GUI displays a “mini window,” which presents an outline “of the compound document’s page corresponding to the position of elevator 310 within scroll bar 320.” Amro, col. 3, ll. 25 – 28. Using the outlines presented in the mini window, a user may locate a desired page of the compound document.

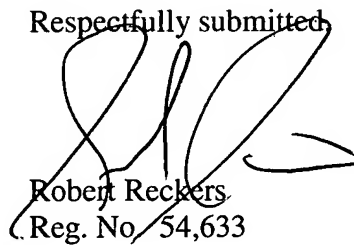
The preview outlines of Amro do not include actual content from the documents. To teach a preview display with such actual document content, the Office Action relies on Livingston. Livingston discloses a method for displaying a *print preview* view of a document page. Abstract. The *print preview* view mimics a page's representation as it would appear when printed out on paper. Thus, Livingston merely provides an alternative format for representing a document page to a user.

In contrast, independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34, as amended, require a preview that includes actual content "selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said item will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices" Neither Amro nor Livingston teaches this element. The outlines taught by Amro do not include actual content from the item, and the preview of Livingston previews a printed page and does not utilize "a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said item will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices," as required by the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34 are in condition for allowance. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 2 - 14, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Further, Applicants submit that dependent claims 16 - 30, which depend from claim 15, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 15. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 32 and 33, which depend from claim 31, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 31.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, claims 1 – 34 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain which would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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